

Employee Housing Regulations

Article 6.

Subarticle 5. Plumbing Systems

§ 756. Use and Maintenance

Any existing plumbing system may have its use, maintenance and repair continued if the use, maintenance or repair is in accordance with the original design and location and no hazard to the public health, safety, or welfare has been created by such system.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 758. Safeguards

The plumbing system, all fixtures, equipment, devices and safeguards shall be clean and maintained in good working order.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 760. Toilet and Bathing Facilities

(a) An employee housing site first issued a permit to operate prior to February 22, 1973, shall provide one toilet and one bathing facility for every fifteen occupants of each sex.

(1) Each employee housing site shall consist of all accommodations used as specified in Health and Safety Code section 17008.

(2) When calculating this ratio, do not include the following:

(A) a living unit with built-in toilet and bathing facilities, which is occupied by a single family, and

(B) any sleeping area that is not in compliance with the requirements of subdivision (d).

(b) An employee site first issued a permit to operate on or after February 22, 1973, shall provide toilet and bathing facilities for each sex at a ratio not to exceed ten occupants for each toilet and each bathing facility.

(1) Each employee housing site shall consist of all accommodations used as specified in Health and Safety Code section 17008.

(2) When calculating this ratio, do not include the following:

(A) a living unit with built-in toilet and bathing facilities, which is occupied by a single family, and

(B) any sleeping area that is not in compliance with the requirements of subdivision (d).

(c) An enforcement agency may permit different types and ratios of toilet and bathing facilities in temporary and seasonal employee housing, when written approval for each specific type and ratio is provided by the local health officer. The written approval shall be based upon a finding that the type and ratio of toilet and bathing facilities are sufficient to process the anticipated volume of sewage and waste water, while maintaining sanitary conditions for the occupants of the employee housing.

(d) Toilet and bathing facilities that are counted toward the ratio, as required by subdivisions (a) or (b), shall be located as follows:

(1) Toilet and bathing facilities for temporary and seasonal employee housing, that are not connected to a permanent sewage disposal system, shall be located no closer than fifty (50) feet (15 meters), or more than two hundred (200) feet (61 meters) from sleeping, eating, and/or food preparation areas.

(2) Toilet and bathing facilities discharging to a permanent sewage disposal system shall be located no further than two hundred (200) feet (61 meters) from sleeping, eating, and/or food preparation areas.

(e) Shower wall areas shall be maintained in a cleanable, noncorrosive, and waterproof condition to a height not less than six (6) feet (1.8 meters) above the drain outlet.

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(f) The floor of the shower compartment shall slope uniformly to the drain, and the joint around the drain outlet shall be maintained in a water-tight condition.

(g) If urinals are installed in a toilet room designated for men only, a single urinal shall substitute for no more than one of every three required toilets.

(h) The floor space to a point one (1) foot (.305 meters) in front of a urinal lip and the wall to a point four (4) feet (1.2 meters) above the floor and at least one (1) foot (.305 meters) to each side of the urinal shall be maintained in a cleanable, noncorrosive, and waterproof condition.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17040(a) and 17050(a), Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 17021, 17040(a) and 17041(a), Health and Safety Code.

§ 762. Identification

Toilets and bathing facilities shall be identified clearly marked for "MEN" or "WOMEN." The use of the proper symbols will be permitted.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 764. Toilet and Bathing Separations

Existing toilet and bathing facilities shall be maintained in a separate room or building.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 766. Lavatories

(a) Prior Installations for Single Persons. Labor camps constructed, altered, or converted prior to February 22, 1973, which required one (1) lavatory for each thirty (30) occupants need not be changed. Where troughs were used, every twenty-four (24) inches (60.9 centimeters) of trough was considered equal to one (1) lavatory.

(b) Materials. The handwashing facilities shall be maintained and lined with waterproof material.

(c) Location. Lavatories shall be maintained adjacent to toilet facilities.

Note: Present Installations. Labor camps constructed, altered, or converted after February 22, 1973, shall provide at least one lavatory for each 10 occupants for each sex.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 768. Clothes Washing Machine

Clothes washing machines shall be maintained to drain either into a properly vented trap, into a laundry tub tailpiece with watertight connections, into an open standpipe receptor or over the rim of a laundry tub or waste water may be disposed of using a method approved by the local health department.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 770. Water Supply

(a) The water supply system shall be maintained to provide the capacity required at the time the system was installed.

(b) The distribution lines shall be maintained leak free and capable of supplying the normal operating pressure to all fixtures.

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Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 772. Drinking Water

(a) Potability. Potable drinking water shall be maintained for all employees.

(b) Tests. A water sample from the camp's supply shall be collected by the local health department for examination and their approval prior to the initial operation of the camp each year, when any major repair to or alteration of the water supply system has been made, or when the purity of the water is questioned by the enforcement agency. Approval of the results of the test shall be a requirement of occupancy.

(c) Availability. All exterior water supply faucets shall be suitably and conveniently placed and drainage shall not be allowed to flow upon the ground or to contaminate the source of water supply.

(d) Storage. Tanks or other receptacles used for the storage of water shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be covered so as to prevent contamination.

(e) Drinking Cups. The use of a common drinking cup is prohibited.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 17021 and 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 774. Back Siphonage

Any water closet or other plumbing fixture shall be maintained to prevent siphonage of water back into the water supply.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 784. Sewage Disposal System

The underground sewage disposal system shall be maintained covered to remain insect and rodent tight. Waste liquids shall not be permitted to surface or pond.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 17021 and 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 786. Underground Sewage Tanks

Underground septic tanks shall be maintained to be safe and structurally sound.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 17021 and 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 788. Trap and Vent Maintenance

Traps and vents shall be maintained in good working order and all connections shall be water tight.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 790. Drain Inlet Cap

Open drain piping connection inlets shall be capped when not in use.

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Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.

§ 792. Sanitary Drain Connection

Drain lines from all buildings and other housing accommodations in a labor camp shall be maintained in good working order and the connections to the sewage disposal system shall be water tight.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17003.5 and 17040, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 17040, Health and Safety Code.